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AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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SUBJECT: NCOIC VISIT TO TANANARIVE RE MSG DETACHMENT

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1. FROM 9 TO 14 MAY 1974, NCOIC, PRETORIA, VISITED TANANARIVE FOR PURPOSE OF ASSISTING POST WITH PREPARATIONS FOR PROPOSED MARINE DETACHMENT. BELOW IS CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF VISIT:

A. HOUSING: MARINES WILL OCCUPY THE TOP TWO FLOORS OF A FOUR STORY APARTMENT COMPLEX ADJOINING THE EMBASSY. LIVING QUARTERS WILL BE ON THE TOP FLOOR WHICH CONTAINS TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS. THE THIRD FLOOR IS UNDERGOING RENOVATIONS WHICH WILL REMOVE MOST OF THE WALL SEPARATING THE TWO LIVING ROOMS. THIS WILL PROVIDE A LARGE "COMMON" AREA AND ALSO FOUR MORE ROOMS. THE QUARTERS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING REDECORATION, WITH ANTICIPATED COMPLETION IN EARLY JUNE. THIS ANNEX HAS DIRECT ACCESS TO THE CHANCERY ON THE FIRST FLOOR. BEDROOMS HAVE AMPLE CLOSET AND STORAGE SPACE. QUARTERS ARE EXCELLENTLY LOCATED AND VERY ADEQUATE. POST IS CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR HOUSE FOR NCOIC. ADEQUATE HOUSING IS AVAILABLE AND NO PROBLEMS ARE ANTICIPATED.

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B. SUPPORT: ALL NECESSARY SUPPORT ITEMS FOR OUTFITTING

QUARTERS ARE AVAILABLE. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE CLEANING SUPPLIES. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE NECESSARY TRANSPORTATION UNTIL ARRIVAL OF GUARD VEHICLE. MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE NOT GOOD. THE EMBASSY DOES HAVE A HEALTH UNIT, STAFFED BY A CONTRACT NURSE, WHICH IS OPEN TWO MORNINGS PER WEEK. SERIOUS MEDICAL PROBLEMS REQUIRE EVACUATION TO SOUTH AFRICA OR KENYA.

C. GENERAL: PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS FRENCH AND ON POST LANGUAGE TRAINING IS ESSENTIAL. ALL NECESSARY CLOTHING SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO POST AS SHOULD EXTRA TOILET AND PERSONAL ARTICLES. CLOTHING SHOULD BE FOR BOTH WINTER AND SUMMER. IT IS THE AMBASSADOR'S DESIRE THAT MARINES STAND DUTY IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES- UNARMED. OVERALL, A VERY FINE EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE CONCERNING PREPARATIONS FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE MARINES.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. THE NCOIC ASSIGNED SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN SINCE SCHOOLS ARE IN FRENCH.

B. NCOIC SHOULD BE EXPERIENCED.

C. ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED SHOULD BE IN THE BEST OF HEALTH.

D. ALL PROSPECTIVE WATCHSTANDERS AND NCOIC SHOULD CORRESPOND WITH NCOIC, PRETORIA, FOR INFORMATION PERTAINING TO POST NORMALLY FOUND IN MSG POST REPORT AND NCOIC'S LETTER.

3. E. WRITTEN REPORT TO FOLLOW. NCOIC SENDS.  
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